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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. TURKS REQUEST CLOSING OF ADDITIONAL MILITARY FACILITY

THE TURKISH MFA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY ANKARA THAT THE PRIMARY ACTIVITY OF A FIFTH INSTALLATION -- THE KARGABURUN LORAN STATION IN EASTERN THRACE -- MUST BE SUSPENDED EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT AN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION STATION AND IS NOT CLASSIFIED AS A COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATION.

THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE INCLUSION OF KARGABURUN IS PROBABLY AN ERROR. TURKISH OFFICIALS APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO BE IN NO MOOD TO RECTIFY IT. IN THE HOPE THAT UPON FURTHER REFLECTION THE TURKS WILL NOT CLOSE KARGABURUN, AMBASSADOR

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MACOMBER IS INSTRUCTING THE STATION NOT TO CEASE OPERATIONS,

BUT TO CEASE COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMISSIONS IF AND WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY THE NEW TURKISH COMMANDER. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 5810, 7/28.)

2. TURKISH CYPRIOTS MAY CLOSE US INSTALLATIONS IN CYPRUS

THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE OF THE TURKISH FEDERATE STATE OF CYPRUS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ON JULY 29 THE TURKISH ADMINISTRATION WILL EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF "SHUTTING DOWN" US INSTALLATIONS IN THE TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREAS. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY NICOSIA, THE REGIONAL RELAY ORGANIZATION (RRO) HAS TWO SITES IN THE AREA:

--YEROLAKKOS, A STATION WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MOTHBALLED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD, BUT WHICH STILL CONTAINS SOME EXPENSIVE AND MODERATELY SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT; AND

--MIA MILEA, A STATION WHICH WAS PHASED OUT IN JUNE 1974 AND WHICH CONTAINS NO EQUIPMENT.

THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF ANY TURKISH/TURKISH CYPRIOT ACTION WOULD BE TO HALT THE ONGOING REMOVAL OF REMAINING EQUIPMENT FROM THE YEROLAKKOS STATION. THE EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN TO THE TURKISH ADMINISTRATION AND IS TAKING THE MATTER UP WITH THE TURKISH EMBASSY. (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 2347, 7/28.)

3. GREEK OFFICIALS STILL MUM ON TURKISH AID BILL REJECTION

EMBASSY ATHENS REPORTS THAT THE GOG HAS STILL SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE HOUSE'S REJECTION OF THE TURKISH MILITARY AID BILL.

--GREEK SPOKESMEN, FURTHERMORE, HAVE REFUSED TO ANSWER PRESS QUERIES ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE GOG MADE ANY DEMARCHES TO THE US FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT USG SPOKESMEN TOLD CONGRESS THAT THE GOG DID NOT OBJECT TO THE RESUMPTION OF TURKISH MILITARY AID.

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--THE GREEK PRESS, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT AND EXPRESS SATISFACTION EDITORIALY OVER THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE. REPORTS THAT THE USG CHASTIZED AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS FOR HIS STATEMENTS DURING LAST WEEK'S HOUSE DEBATE HAVE APPEARED WIDELY IN GREEK PAPERS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) ATHENS 5666, 7/28.)

4. OUSTER OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN TO BE DISCUSSED IN HELSINKI

A SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THAT THE BRITISH AGREE WITH THE US THAT IT IS TOO LATE TO ATTEMPT FURTHER DEMARCHES AT THE OAU SUMMIT IN KAMPALA OVER THE EFFORT TO OUST ISRAEL FROM THE UN. THE OFFICIAL SAID:

--HE EXPECTS PLANNING FOR CONCERTED OR INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON THE MATTER TO BE TAKEN UP AT HELSINKI JULY 30.

THE FRENCH AND GERMANS ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT IS TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING MORE AT KAMPALA. A SENIOR QUAI OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY PARIS JULY 28 THAT GISCARD AND SCHMIDT AGREED AT THEIR RECENT BILATERAL THAT FORMAL DEMARCHES ON THE ISRAEL-UN ISSUE WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. INSTEAD, THEY INTEND TO INSTRUCT EC-9 EMBASSIES IN ARAB, AFRICAN, AND NONALIGNED COUNTRIES TO ENGAGE IN WIDESPREAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS EMPHASIZING THE DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS OF UN ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL. (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 11591, (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 19473, 19568, 7/28.)

5. ARABS WILL NOT TRY TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM UNCTAD

THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED US MISSION GENEVA THAT, ACCORDING TO AN EGYPTIAN SOURCE, THE ARABS ARE NOT PLANNING TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN UNCTAD. RATHER, THEY ARE RESERVING ACTION ON THE THREAT TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL TO THE UNGA IF THE ISRAELI POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED IN THE INTERIM. (SECRET) GENEVA 5985, 7/28.)

6. TANZANIA: NYERERE ON THE KIDNAPPING

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AT A RECEPTION JULY 27 FOR MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, PRESIDENT NYERERE DECLINED AMBASSADOR CARTER'S ATTEMPT TO THANK HIM AND DISCLAIMED "ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVENTS OR INCIDENTS LEADING TO THE RELEASE" OF THE US STUDENT, STEVEN SMITH. ACCORDING TO CARTER, THIS STANCE IS NOW OFFICIAL GOT POLICY AND HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE GOT INTENDS DENYING, IF EVER SO ACCUSED, THE RELEASE OF ANY PRP PRISONERS TO FACILITATE SMITH'S RELEASE. (CONFIDENTIAL) DAR ES SALAAM 2718, 7/28.)

7. OAU

A. AMIN WELCOMES OAU AND CALLS FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH TO THE OAU SUMMIT, PRESIDENT AMIN
DEMANDED THAT ISRAEL BE EXPELLED FROM THE UN. AMIN:

--WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION AS CHAIRMAN
OF THE OAU FOR THE NEXT YEAR, AFTER BEING NOMINATED BY
SADAT; AND

--ALSO SAID THAT IF SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIA
ARE NOT HANDED OVER IMMEDIATELY TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE,
BLACK AFRICA WILL HAVE TO USE FORCE.

IN OTHER SPEECHES:

--UNSYG WALDHEIM SAID THE FAILURE TO SOLVE THE NAMIBIA
PROBLEM CONSTITUTES A POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
CHALLENGE OF THE HIGHEST ORDER TO THE UN.

--NIGERIAN PRESIDENT GOWON MADE A STRONG APPEAL FOR
UNITY IN ANGOLA AND WARNED FOREIGN NATIONS AGAINST
INVOLVEMENT THERE.

B. TANZANIA REFUSES TO ATTEND OAU

TANZANIA HAS OFFICIALLY REFUSED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE
KAMPALA OAU SUMMIT. FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA SAID THAT,
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WHILE TANZANIA REMAINS A STAUNCH OAU SUPPORTER, HOLDING THE
MEETING IN KAMPALA IMPLIED OAU SANCTIONING AND CONDONING OF
AMIN'S MURDERS IN UGANDA. (CONFIDENTIAL DAR ES SALAAM 2702,
7/28.) INGERSOLL

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